

# *Proclamations*

*by Governor Joe Manchin III*

**Whereas,** many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing finances, conducting research, enhancing education and conducting business; and,

**Whereas,** critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care and emergency response systems; and,

**Whereas,** Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious attack by viruses and loss of privacy from spyware and adware; and,

**Whereas,** each year, there are significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and,

**Whereas,** the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security; and,

**Whereas,** there are national organizations, such as the non-profit National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), policy-makers, government agencies, private sector companies and non-profit entities available to help consumers, businesses, educational leaders and our youth protect themselves online; and,

**Whereas,** every individual plays an important role in securing our cyberspace, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of West Virginia's information infrastructure and economy;


**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 2009* as:

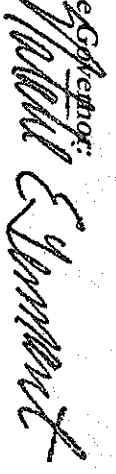
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in West Virginia and encourage all citizens to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Eighteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nine, and in the One Hundred Forty-seventh year of the State.

  
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Joe Manchin III  
Governor

By the Secretary:  
  
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Natalie E. Tennant  
Secretary of State

